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SAVANNAH DIRECTORY.

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ATTORNEYS.

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G. T. BRYAN, attorney at law, will practice in all the courts of Northwest Missouri. Special attention given to business in the county and probate courts. Office over the jail, opposite Probate office. 27

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SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Savannah Lodge, No. 14, Savannah, Mo., meets every TUESDAY EVENING, at Odd Fellows' Hall, northeast corner of the Public Square. All members of the order in good standing, visiting the city, are cordially invited to meet with us. J. G. WALKER, Sec'y. 207

MASSON—Savannah Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F. & A. M., meets first Saturday in each month, at 7 o'clock P. M. All brothers in good standing are fraternally invited to visit us. E. W. JOY, W. M. L. M. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

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Correspondence.

Letter from Kirksville.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., May 18, 1874.

MR. EDITOR—Allow me to submit to you a few Kirksville items. The temperance crusade has subsided in our quiet little town, and we are now blessed with a crusade by Rev. E. P. Hammond, the great revivalist, and his delegation from Quincy. They are holding a series of meetings here, doing a good work, and converting many souls. Every body turns out to hear Mr. Hammond.

It has quit raining here and the farmers are generally done planting corn. If the season is favorable the grangers will live fat next winter.

There will be but very little wheat raised in this county this season. The prospects for fruit are good.

The Normal School is again upon a sound footing, and is carrying on its good work. Its operations have been somewhat hindered by the measles. A great many students have been lately confined to their rooms by the disease, but it is about cleared up.

The Andrew county boys are all doing well. T. W. Mackie is still rising mentally. George Myers and H. S. Gardner are on the road to fame.

George Washington Jenkins, of Andrew county, is sporting a fine mustache.

At last accounts there were five Smiths in school, from different parts of the State. J.

From High Prairie.

[Delayed Letter.]

HIGH PRAIRIE, May 17, 1874.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—Sir: (Crops of all kinds are exceedingly promising. The average of fall wheat is large, compared with past seasons, and bids fair for a large yield. The average of oats and corn is rather above an average. Health good. Grazing good, with cattle on a thousand hills.)

H. Gillman and wife, and John Clarke have gone to Minnesota on a visit, and will not return until fall.

I see in the REPUBLICAN of April 27, an article from the pen of your correspondent "G. A. S. Pipe," which makes some allusions to me. The threat of assassination does me nothing. The weapon he proposes to use is a paper cut, and with his future nature, for they are rare as singing teachers in his vicinity some times, and have quite frequent attacks of son strokes. One high-minded gentleman strikes his mother frequently, and another struck his father across the head with a scuffling. So you see Mr. G. A. S. Pipe is a fair representative of his town. Immediately after his article appeared, Platte township voted unanimously to strike the letter "G. A. S." from his name, to let strangers know the length of his ears and the nature of the animal.

And, again, Mr. G. A. S. Pipe gives me another line. I think I know the ear-nipples of the gentleman. He has two assistants. Three correspondents from the little villa, and each giving an accurate description of the little place and the little man and the little business done there. The little thing grows under so much dead weight.

Now, Mr. G. A. S. Pipe, fire at me as much as you please, you can't hurt a Christian. The prospect of for fruit was never better than at the present time. OCCIDENTAL.

From Clay Township.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—As I seldom see anything in the columns of your paper from this, one of the best townships in Andrew county, I trust you will not consider it a trespass if I give you a few items. Although we do not talk as much through your paper as some of our neighbors, yet we are willing to compare works with them.

Nature is now clothed in her loveliest attire, and is promising to reward the tillers of the soil with a bountiful harvest. The fruit crop also bids fair to be good.

The cause of popular education is not neglected with us. All of the school districts in the township are now supplied with excellent school houses. Three new ones, of the first class, were built last year.

A. W. Scott, a prominent lawyer of Clarinda, Iowa, and another gentleman whose name I did not learn, were down in our township a few days ago, trying to learn the sentiment of the people concerning the proposed construction of the Nodaway Valley Railroad. There are responsible parties interested in the building of the road, and they say if they can get reasonable encouragement the road will soon be built. Such a consummation is much desired by our people, as it will open up a valley that cannot be surpassed in the west to railroad communication, besides adding largely to the material wealth of Andrew county. G. M.

From Rochester.

The weather during the past week has been very warm, the thermometer running as high as 95 degrees in the shade on Sunday.

A photograph gallery is the latest addition to Rochester. Isaac Hopper runs the "machine." Both hail from St. Joseph, and expect to stay about a couple of weeks.

The first number of the "Patron of Husbandry," the new paper, made its appearance among us on Monday. It is a particularly bright looking paper, and has our best wishes for its future prosperity.

"Doc." Gager has a new box of paper collars. Size unknown. PRATOR.

A BOLD ATTEMPT.

The Mysteries of Life Insurance—The Most Remarkable Case on Record.

B. F. Bethuren has for some time occupied the position of agent of the Life Association of America at Fillmore, Andrew county. He was to all appearances a straight, honest man, and ranked high in the community where he resided. He enjoyed the perfect confidence of his employers, and no one of those who had known him long and well, could, until recently, have possibly believed that he could be guilty of a dishonorable, much less criminal, act.

In January, 1873, Mr. Bethuren, as agent of the Life Association, forwarded to the company what purported to be the application of a man named "John Adams" for a policy of \$10,000 on his life. The papers were regular on their face; the risk seemed to be a desirable one; the application was received; the premium paid; the policy was issued in the March following; Bethuren brought the applicant to St. Joseph for examination, and thus far the transaction seemed to be a fair and honest one. In April the policy was assigned to "Thomas Hedrick," for value received, and due notice given to the company. All seemed to be straight as yet.

In November, 1873, the company received notice that John Adams had been drowned while crossing the river at Nebraska City, in a skiff, in company with a man named Levi Sigman, and the assignee of the policy, Hedrick, requested that a blank might be sent him that he might make proof of death. The blanks were sent, and soon after returned to the company. The proofs were not considered sufficient, and Special Agent A. K. Fassett, being in the northwest, made some slight investigation into the matter, the result of which satisfied the officers that it was better to withhold the payment of the \$10,000 until more facts were brought to light. No further evidence was sent in; but Mr. Hedrick became impatient for his money, and threatened to bring suit for it. The whole matter was finally placed in the hands of Special Agent Fassett, and he proceeded to work up the case. On the 5th of April last he took hold of it, and came to St. Joseph, and then went up to Nebraska City to find out the whereabouts of Hedrick. It looked at first like a "wild goose chase." There had been as yet nothing to excite the slightest suspicion, and yet somehow or other the experienced detective felt convinced that all was not right. Hedrick had written two letters from Nebraska City, and then disappeared. No one in that place knew or had ever heard of such a man. Here was a startling point, and in an instant an idea of the facts flashed across Mr. Fassett's mind. He went to Northwest Missouri and scoured the country to find either of the men who had furnished the proof of the death, but after diligent search, could find no one who had ever known either of them.

In the meantime Hedrick had quit writing to the company, but wrote to the agent, Bethuren, from Running Creek, Colorado. The proofs of the death of John Adams had been sworn to before Thomas B. Stevenson, a notary public of Nebraska City, on the 4th of December, 1873. On that day two men registered at the Barman Hotel at that place, for supper, remained over night, and then disappeared. They registered as William Woods and H. A. Cook, Colorado. The writing in the register was quite similar to that of the Hedrick letter, and the proprietor of the hotel kindly permitted the special agent to cut the leaf out of the book. The writing was examined and compared in Nebraska City, and also in St. Louis, by experts, and was pronounced to be the same as that in the letters sent to the company; and it was also discovered that the signature of H. A. Cook was written by the same hand that had written several letters in the possession of the company. Here was another gleam of daylight.

On the morning of the alleged drowning of Adams and Sigman, an article appeared in one of the Nebraska City papers giving the particulars of the accident. The careful detective scanned every word of this carefully, and another clue—the very slightest in the world, was obtained. The account was too much detailed, and a single sentence served to confirm suspicion already strong. He went to the printing office to ascertain who had sent the article in for publication. None knew save the printer's devil, as seedy and ragged looking an urchin as human being ever placed eyes on. He had received the copy, and gave a sufficient description of the author to satisfy Mr. Fassett that it was Bethuren; and he was positive he would know the man if he should see him again. Mr. F. asked him to come with him to St. Joseph. The boy had no clothes to wear. A new suit was purchased promptly, and he was brought to the office in this city, appearing as an applicant for employment. In the meantime an appointment had been made with Bethuren to meet the Special Agent at the same place, and while they

were conversing, the boy was taking an accurate survey of the supposed culprit. He identified the man positively, and was sent back home.

Another appointment was made with Bethuren, who claimed that he had a power of attorney from Hedrick to collect the policy, to come to the office in this city, and settle the matter. And in the meantime Mr. Fassett had brought down Mr. Stevenson, the Nebraska City notary, before whom the proofs of death had been taken, who, while ostensibly engaged in other business, fully identified Bethuren as the man who had sworn in his office under the name of H. A. Cook.

The agent had learned that Bethuren had a son-in-law named D. C. Mansell residing near Fillmore, Andrew county. On the 13th of May Mr. Stevenson went up to Fillmore, and when six miles from that place saw Mansell engaged at work on a house. Sitting in his buggy in the road he instantly identified Mansell as the man who had sworn in his office under the name of Thomas Hedrick.

All was clear sunshine now. John Adams was a man of straw, as were also Thomas Hedrick and H. A. Cook—that was certain. The whole thing was a deliberate attempt upon the part of the agent to defraud the company out of \$10,000.

At the time Bethuren came to the company's office and was identified by the printer boy, Mr. Fassett, (whose object was to gain time,) told him that the company would require a power of attorney under seal from Mr. Hedrick before they could pay the money. This naturally gave him some trouble, and it was several days before it was finally perfected. The notary who took this acknowledgment of this power of attorney gave a complete description of Bethuren, and stated that the document had been signed by Mansell as Thomas Hedrick.

The case was made up and all that remained now was to arrest the offenders. Mr. Fassett at once procured a requisit on from Gov. Furnas, of Nebraska, and coming to St. Joseph, was fortunate enough to find Gov. Woodson in the city, who promptly sent an order to Jefferson City to have a warrant issued on the requisition for the arrest of Bethuren and Mansell. Yesterday morning the warrant arrived on the 2:35 train, and then came the document.

An appointment had been made with Bethuren to meet the special agent at the office of the Association in this city for the purpose of settling the policy, yesterday. He came down on Wednesday and during the day and night apprehensions were entertained that he had got wind of the matter; but still there was no possible chance for his escape. He was "spotted" from the time he entered the city until his arrest, and in all that time the detective never closed his eyes.

Precisely at nine o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Bethuren put in an appearance at the office of the Life Association of America. He looked cheerful and happy, just as any man does who thinks he has made a good thing. Mr. Fassett was there, and held in his hand a check for ten thousand dollars, payable to his own order. It certainly looked as though the long delayed case was to be settled—and it was to be. Mr. Fassett blandly requested Mr. Bethuren to hand over to him all the papers in the case, that they might be returned to the company. The request was promptly complied with, and the special agent carefully stowed them away, and proceeded to write a receipt. The work had just been completed. Mr. Bethuren had one hand ready to sign the document, the other ready to take hold of the coveted check, remarking at the same time that he "was glad the money had come," and he "supposed" that was all that was wanted. In this he was slightly mistaken. Just at this juncture, Sheriff Gates entered the room, and tapping the man on the shoulder, produced a very formidable looking legal document, and informed Mr. Bethuren that he wanted him. The man started as though he had been shot, and then recovering, gave one bitter, cold steady look at the Special Agent of the Life Association, and turning round left with Sheriff Gates. When they reached Francis street, he asked Sheriff Gates where he was being taken. The reply was "to jail." "I was not made for a jail," was the response. "But," said the Sheriff, "you will have to go there." Mr. Bethuren was taken to Nebraska City this morning.

At ten o'clock yesterday morning Sheriff Gates started for Andrew county, in search of D. C. Mansell, Bethuren's son-in-law, and he returned at half-past three o'clock with the prisoner, traveling a distance of thirty miles in the meantime. He found Mansell at Savannah, and at once took him into custody. The prisoner denied any knowledge whatever of the affair, and expressed the utmost astonishment that he should have been arrested. He was committed to jail and accompanied his father-in-law to Nebraska City on the 2:35 train this morning.

Bethuren is a man a little over fifty years of age, and has a wife and five children residing in Fillmore. There is nothing about the man's appearance to indicate the villain; and yet he seems to be completely despondent under the charge. The stroke of lightning at the time of arrest was too strong, and he cannot recover from it. Mansell is about twenty-six years old, and has a wife. He manifests the most perfect ignorance in reference to the whole matter.

It is difficult to tell which one is most astonished at—the consummate skill with which the plot was laid and carried out, or the sagacity and patient perseverance of the special agent who uncovered it, and made plain as daylight what would otherwise have ever remained a mystery.

The citizens of Clinton county, Mo., recently held a convention on the currency question. They passed a series of resolutions, and among others the following:

That henceforth we esteem it the duty of the agricultural and producing sections of the country to unite in a solid phalanx against the encroachments of capital, and hereby pledge ourselves to vote for no member of Congress or other candidate for a Federal office who is not in full sympathy with the interests of the people of the West.

The meeting indorsed the course of Hon I. C. Parker, their Congressman, and condemned Senator Schurz and the President.

The Nodaway County Democrat says:

In the vicinity of Pickering there is a farmers' club which, in accordance with our view of the matter, acts on the right plan. At stated intervals the members of the club, with their wives and babies, meet at some member's house, look over his farm, talk over agricultural matters, have a good dinner, and then go home contented. There are some of the best farmers in that section to be found anywhere in the county.

Books, Magazines, &c.

HAMPER'S MAGAZINE for June—opening the Forty-ninth Volume of that most entertaining of periodicals—contains unusual attractions. A series of illustrated articles on Mexico, by Bishop Gilbert Haven, is commenced. A second illustrated paper on Dr. Schweinfurth's African Explorations, by Helen S. Conant, takes the reader into the land of the Niam-niams, and treats of the wonderful race of pygmies beyond. In view of the interest now taken in the restoration of fish to our rivers, the paper by Charles G. Atkins, "Collecting Salmon spawn in Maine," with its numerous illustrations, will be peculiarly timely. In this article Mr. Atkins describes the enterprise as carried on at Backport, on the Penobscot, in Maine. The most beautiful feature of this number is the reproduction of the "Nymphidia," by Michael Drayton, first published three years after Shakespeare's death. The poem is illustrated with ten exquisite engravings. There is also in this number another illustrated poem, full of feeling, finely conceived, and melodiously expressed, entitled "The Prisoner," by Zola Barnes-Baldington. Drayton's Nymphidia inevitably suggests The Cypriot Fay, of whose author, Joseph Rodman Drake, a very interesting sketch is given by James Grant Wilson, accompanied by a faithful portrait. In "The Jews and their Persecutions," we have from the pen of Eugene Lawrence one of those rare historical reviews into which he knows so well how to compress volumes of information. General George B. McClellan's second paper on Army Organization is very suggestive and instructive. Another exceedingly entertaining installment is given of the "Recollections of an Old Slaver," including characteristic notices and anecdotes of John Quincy Adams, Sam Houston, George M. Davis, Tom Marshall and other Congressional celebrities. George William Curtis, in the Easy Chair, renders a graceful tribute to the memory of Webster Sumner, and dwells in his characteristic manner about the Wagnerian problem. The Editor's Drawer, with other fasciae, contains two humorous poems by R. H. Stoddard, and one, apropos of cremation, by John Paul.

"Poems."—Clint Parkhurst, of Iowa, issues through the Western News Company, of Chicago, a volume of poems which is a model in the art of poetic expression. Mr. Parkhurst is a poet of a new man endire. The poems are mostly short, but filled with good ideas beautifully expressed. The volume is dedicated "to the surviving private soldiers of the Seventeenth Army Corps, by one who shared their vicissitudes and glory." A number of the poems refer to scenes and incidents in the recent war, among which are "A Campaign Incident," "Fighting the Enemy," "Andersonville," (the author was confined in several of the southern prisons,) "July 3, 1864," and "July 21, 1864." On the whole, it is an excellent offering on the altar of Western literature, and should be in the hands of all Western News Company, publishers, Chicago, Ill.

It is stated that the Patrons of Husbandry in Iowa have perfected an organization for the capture of horse thieves. Each Grange is to have "five riders," who are, on a robbery of stock being reported, to mount and follow the culprits. To this end the Grange is to furnish them with funds, not less than twenty-five dollars, and on giving the halting sign of the Patrons, all other Granges will entertain them free of cost, turn out to them, or lend them fresh horses. Similar organizations in other States would render stealing horses a very unprofitable business.

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